

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1889.

The Village Improvement Association.

We are informed that a meeting of the Village Improvement Association is to be called on Friday evening next. The meeting is to provide for the resuscitation or suitable burial of the Association, as circumstances may require. In its early youth the Association accomplished much good for the town, but of late years it has been in a half paralyzed, semi-comatose condition, of no use to itself and a burden to its nurses. Experienced physicians are expected to be in attendance Friday evening, to determine whether or no life is entirely extinct. If some spark of vitality is apparent the question will be, whether it will pay to apply reviving remedies.

Most of the early friends and nearest relatives of the Association have long since ceased to manifest any interest in its existence, and unless they can speedily be induced to bestow some attention upon it, it must soon die of neglect and be left to public charity for a decent burial. It now excites in those who happen to view its sad condition, the same feeling produced by the sight of some wandering, half starved cat, or an old abandoned and dilapidated horse, painfully moving along on three legs seeking a precarious living by the wayside.

As for ourselves we have long been in favor of knocking the poor creature on the head and burying it out of sight. No effort seems successful in calling its friends to its rescue, and it has become a most disagreeable burden to those whose remembrance of it, as it appeared in better times causes them to keep it in a painful and precarious state of existence. We believe that it is possible to restore it to its old health, vigor, and usefulness, but this would require that effort and steady attention which it seems impossible to obtain for it. In former times it was instrumental in stirring up local pride and did much to obtain for us many beautifying improvements. There is still very much left for it to do in the way of adding to the beauty and healthfulness of the town, and uniting citizens in favor of needed reform.

But as it is now it is not only no good but is positively harmful, in the same way that any other broken down, dilapidated and neglected creature or institution is. Nothing is a greater drag to a town than neglected roads, tumble down buildings and dead and alive societies. Better no improvement associations at all, than one which seems to be a flaming advertisement that Bloomfield takes no interest in improvements.

Our town people so far from taking no interest in public improvements are on the contrary, as our history shows very much alive to all that concerns our prosperity. But here is an institution which advertises itself as and enjoys a monopoly of the name of "The Bloomfield Village Improvement Association." But when its condition is examined into it is discovered that its meetings are attended by ten or a dozen men who apparently wonder what they are called together for, and that for two years or more it has not made the least public manifestation of its advocacy of or assistance to any public improvement, or private one either, for the matter of that.

Let the meeting Friday night carefully survey the field and determine whether there is anything in this town for an improvement association to do, and if this is determined in the affirmative, whether the present organization has within itself the means to do these things which it seems ought to be done. If this likewise is decided in the affirmative, then let the association bring forth fruits meet for re-pentance. If the latter question is decided in the negative, then let the association donate its assets to the Cemetery Company and depart this life.

The Old Church Music.

We present our compliments to the Old Church and congratulate it on the beautiful music its choir and organist are furnishing its congregation and the strangers whom it entertains. No one can attend the services in the Old Church in these later days without being impressed with the fact that good music is a most powerful element in religious worship. As some of our readers will remember we have in times gone by been rather free with our adverse criticism of some Bloomfield church music. In those times we pointed out what seemed to us serious defects and the causes of them. We have not the assurance to suppose that those criticisms had any effect upon the purveyors of church music, and merely wish to state as a fact that the music of the Old Church at the present time is just about what church music ought to be, with this saving clause that the congregation seems to be satisfied with listening only. This last is not as it should be. How would it do for the congregation to follow the splendid example of the people behind the pulpit?

Mr. Mix is not only a fine organist, but what is more important in our opinion, in churches like ours, he is a leader of the first class. We hope the trustees will see to it that Bloomfield does not lose so valuable a member of the township family.

Y. M. C. A. Work In Bloomfield. Does It Pay?

The Young Men's Christian Association recognizes the fact that the church of God does not consist of any one denomination but of every Christian sect, and comprises in its membership representatives from all denominations. Sectarianism will never save a soul, but let the young blood of all the churches unite in an earnest endeavor, through the agency of the Young Men's Christian Association, for the salvation of their unconverted friends as Paul did, denying self, "Casting off the works of darkness and putting on the armor of light," and see what results will follow.

In a town not a thousand miles from Bloomfield there is a work carried on for young men that merits commendation of all. Pastors and laymen have united their efforts and forces, laboring with all diligence for the salvation of this class, through the Young Men's Christian Association and the church.

Pastors may be seen greeting each other in the association rooms as well as on the floor of the gymnasium.

Brotherhood from all the churches meet there, in class, in the meetings, in the gymnasium, their friends are invited and coming under the influence of so devoted yet congenial a company cannot help but admire, embrace and possess that Christ who wrought in man's life so thoroughly changes his natural disposition.

Does this detract from the interest of the church? No, it only inspires to greater endeavors. The young heroes of the cross become anxious for the salvation of their fellows, and exert special efforts to lead them into the church. As a consequence the churches are filled with young men every Sabbath, and few are seen loafing on the corners of the streets. This is healthful. What may be expected of ones engaged in a work when he is lacking that of which he ought to be full in order to impart it to others and ensure success? It requires no small effort to bring about this state of affairs in the place intimated, however the opportunity is seen and utilized. The result is glorious. Could not a similar work be accomplished in Bloomfield? What shall prevent it?

Does it pay to support a work of that nature? In speaking with General Secretaries concerning the work of the gymnasium, I was told that in general the results of the drills have been excellent. The boys and young men invariably feel greatly benefited, and express their highest gratifications. Does it pay to support an institution that takes our boys and young men, puny, delicate, and weak as they often are and by proper training impart to them strength, vigor, and health? Some one in Bloomfield financially capable ought to consider it a great privilege to place at least a hundred dollars worth of apparatus in the gymnasium at once. I find some valuable appliances wanting. Some one having the work at heart ought to avail himself of a ripe opportunity. Not the physical alone, let us look at the social. Could there be a place more desirable than the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association for the enjoyment of social conversation, games, or music? Or is there a place more appropriate outside of the home circle for friend to meet and greet friend? I imagine a beautiful building in our town, suited entirely to the needs of the young men, free from the smell of satanic perfumes, with beautiful parlors, well furnished and quiet reading room and library, suitable reception room, convenient hall, recitation rooms, thoroughly equipped gymnasium and bowling alley, baths—everything needed for their convenience and enjoyment—would it not detract from the patronage of the saloons and attract to the association and the church?

Again, I find the Boys Branch of the association consisting of nearly a hundred members. Thousands of temptations beset their pathway. There is danger at every step and stage of their existence. Will it pay to provide a pleasant resort for them, where morals are pure and society undivided, and where instructions are conveyed that will help them in attaining to a better life? Or will it profit to close the doors of fraternity and care, permit them to find a resort in saloons and upon the corners of the streets, which leads to all forms of sin? Does Bloomfield contain a citizen alive with the spirit of love and sympathy who does not realize the importance of this matter? But is there a member in the association who beholden the open field for work can withhold his hearty co-operation? Says some one, "I do my full duty towards my church and pastor." But what are you doing for that unsaved sinner? Does it pay to do more, when through other agencies much good can be added to that which I already accomplished? Why do you not in every way and by every means strive to enhance the welfare of your friend? You see the importance of the wordlessedness. What can be done? Do we appreciate our obligations? Then only half the need is so great?

OMIKRON.

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Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work of my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in the best of health." To it: Sample bottles free at Geo. M. Wood's Drugstore.

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Dated February 23, 1888.

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Standard Goods and Special Styles

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Cotton, Muslin, Wool and Silk. MOURNING MATERIALS.

All-wool Henrietta, 46 in. wide, 65c, 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1, \$1.25.

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Black and Gray Striped and Plaid Surah Cloth, 36, 40 and 42 in., from 35c to 65c.

Also, Crap Cloths, Melrose, Venetian, Camel Hair Cloth, Camel Hair Twills, etc., etc.

PRIESTLY'S

Silk Warp Henrietta, 40 in. wide from \$1. to \$2.

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Gentlemen:—I have used Crescent Sarsaparilla and other medicines without obtaining any relief from them. I was loth to begin taking Crescent Sarsaparilla, although I knew a number of persons who had used it with great benefit. At last I was persuaded to try Crescent Sarsaparilla, and before I had used half a bottle I found myself in a condition to take four bottles a day. My rheumatism has gone, my appetite has returned, I sleep well at night, and I am able to go about my work with the greatest difficulty and discomfort. I have been taking it for over a year now, and every day, as I suffered such agony in the bedroom that I could not do my work. I find it gives me a great deal of strength, and I am in better health than I have been for a long time. I have no apprehension of any future trouble, and I am in full possession of my faculties again. Crescent Sarsaparilla has a wonderful effect on me. In justice to the manufacturer, I inform you that I have no personal knowledge of him, but I have heard from many others that he is a man of integrity and honor. I have no apprehension of any future trouble, and I am in full possession of my faculties again. Crescent Sarsaparilla has a wonderful effect on me. In justice to the manufacturer, I inform you that I have no personal knowledge of him, but I have heard from many others that he is a man of integrity and honor. I have no apprehension of any future trouble, and I am in full possession of my faculties again. Crescent Sarsaparilla has a wonderful effect on me. In justice to the manufacturer, I inform you that I have no personal knowledge of him, but I have heard from many others that he is a man of integrity and honor. I have no apprehension of any future trouble, and I am in full possession of my faculties again. Crescent Sarsaparilla has a wonderful effect on me. 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